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WASHINGTON BRYAN HOUSE
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This house was built about 1806 for James Bryan. There is no information available as to the architect or builder, as is the case also with the law office adjoining, which was added some twenty years later for John H. Bryan, son of the original owner.

These buildings remained in the hands of the Bryan family until about 1890, when they were purchased by a Mr. Miller from Washington Bryan, whose name is connected with the house. The buildings lay idle after Mr. Miller's occupancy until they were purchased by Dr. C. H. Ashford in 1933.

There have been many alterations and additions to this house and there is little authentic information on these changes. We do know that the present kitchen wing was added as a dining room about 1842, and the kitchen was a distinct building at the rear of the dining wing and connecting with it by means of a narrow passage. This old kitchen building existed until it was removed in 1934. Another change made in 1934 was the removal of a two-story frame extension where the present rear porch is located. This former two-story extension must have been added after the addition of the rear wing. Dr. Ashford also added a room at the rear of the office and installed modern plumbing and lighting throughout. There was no architect consulted for these recent changes, but the work has been done with taste and discrimination.

We are indebted to Mrs. Frank W. Hughes and Dr. C. H. Ashford, both of New Bern, for the above information.

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